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**UTILITY
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Attorney Docket No. **END-5008CIP2**

First Inventor: **Mark Zeiner**
Title: **IMPROVED TROCAR SEAL**

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. Applicant claims small entity status.

3. Specification [Total Pages 17]
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- Descriptive Title of the Invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
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- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s)(35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 9]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]

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Signed statement attached deleting
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Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-Part (CIP) of prior application No.: 10/687,502 filed October 15, 2003.

Prior application information: Examiner _____ Group Art Unit: _____

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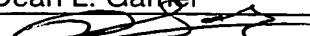
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